

MISS WILKES.

CRITICISMS "THE PROTOTYPE OF HAMLET" BY COL. JOHNSTON.

The Points of Resemblance Seen Between the Danish Prince and the Sometime a King of Scotland by Lecturer and Critic.

(Bellevue Magazine for March.)

The opinion of a ripe scholar and an honest man is always worth regarding, whether we agree with his conclusions or not. In the links of his argument there is no man of more force of pure gold than the mind of his requirements. There are many such gems set in the chain by which Colonel William Preston Johnston connects the characters of Hamlet of Denmark and James VI. of Scotland.

Although there is no direct evidence in the Danish Prince's discovery, yet the book is well worth the reading. It is full of research, and the author's conclusions are well founded. The last of the series of papers is a kind of summary of the whole, and it is here that the author's conclusions are set forth. The author's conclusions are well founded, and the book is well worth the reading.

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TALK OF TELEGRAPH.

AN HOUR SPENT IN THE OFFICE OF THE WESTERN UNION.

The Growth of the Business in Richmond—How the Place is Equipped—The New Building—Personal.

Little did Benjamin Franklin think when he was writing his life in order to arrest the mysterious force in nature known as electricity that he was blazing the pathway of a science that was to revolutionize the world.

Railroads and telegraph are confessedly the great civilizers of the age and the sworn enemies of superstition and ignorance, which supported the old and the new, which supported the old and the new, which supported the old and the new.

Humanity does not appreciate the importance of telegraph until some great inundation, drifting snow, or devastating cyclone prostrates the poles and wires, this important artery of the world.

Upon entering the Superintendent's office, which is on the second floor, the visitor is met by the Superintendent, who is a man of about thirty-five years of age, and who is a man of about thirty-five years of age.

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IDEAS ABOUT LIGHT.

EXPRESSIONS IN FAVOR OF AND AGAINST A CITY ELECTRIC PLANT.

Question of Competition Also Discussed—Talks with President Dickinson and Others.

Although the resolution to appropriate \$75,000 for the establishment of an electric light plant for the city was defeated in the Board of Aldermen at last Monday night's meeting, the matter is by no means dead.

The subject is one of great public concern, and there is so much interest being manifested in it that strong pressure will be brought to bear to influence the Council to give further consideration to the matter.

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BOYS' WEAR.

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Our Preparations for spring have been of the most elaborate order, and we are showing the newest, prettiest, daintiest, and most elegant assortment of clothing for the little ones that was ever garnered under our roof. We've thousands of Suits both in Short and Long Pants, not only attractive to the eye and pleasing to the taste, but

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